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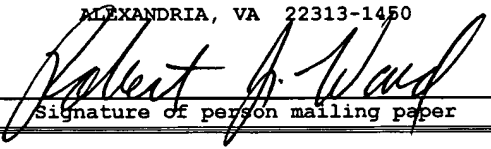
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 24, 2005**

Sir:

The Office Action mailed January 24, 2005 established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Approval of the enclosed Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time allows Applicant until July 24, 2005 to file a response.

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As such, Applicant submits that this Amendment and Response is timely filed, and respectfully requests entry of all amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3, the **Remarks** begin on page 10, and the **Conclusion** begins on page 13 of this paper.